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Farida Abdurahman, 33, was killed in a hit-and-run Monday night at a crosswalk that's becoming notorious among residents for pedestrian collisions. Flowers and a makeshift memorial adorned the site Tuesday. AARON CHATHA/METRO; INSET: GOFUNDME

Woman killed in hit-and-run

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

Resident says crosswalk has poor visibility

 Aaron Chatha
Metro | Calgary

Farida Abdurahman was killed in a hit-and-run Monday night at a crosswalk that area residents

say is becoming notorious for pedestrian collisions.

Police and EMS responded to Centre Street and 43 Avenue NE around 11 p.m. on Monday, where they found 33-year-old Abdurahman suffering from critical, life-threatening injuries. She was transported to Foothills Hospital, where she later died.

Police located a silver Buick Tuesday and questioned a person of interest in relation to the incident.

Ashlee Bergmann saw the incident unfold. She said Abdurahman was walking in a marked crosswalk when she was hit. "She was crossing the street on the northbound side; she ended up on the southbound side," Bergmann said. "The guy didn't stop."

Bergmann has started a petition to have a pedestrian light installed at the crosswalk.

She said that because the crosswalk is located at the top of a hill, it's hard for motorists

from either direction to see it until they're almost on top of it.

She and other residents told Metro the crosswalk has been the site of several collisions over the past few years.

Family and friends who were gathered at Abdurahman's house said they couldn't believe how hard the vehicle hit her and how far she was flung up the road.

Abdurahman was originally from Ethiopia. She moved to Canada several years ago, but

had only lived in the neighbourhood for two months.

Her family and friends were the first to sign the petition for pedestrian lights.

A city representative would not comment directly on the incident as it is under investigation, but they said the crosswalk was not on their list of top collisions or identified trouble spots.

A GoFundMe.com page has been set up to help family pay for funeral costs.

PONZI SCHEME

Men get 12 years for fraud

A judge who sentenced two men in one of the largest Ponzi schemes in Canadian history on Tuesday said they were motivated by pure greed with little thought to their thousands of victims.

Gary Sorenson, 71, and Milowe Brost, 61, were given 12 years in prison for an elaborate, multimillion-dollar fraud in which investors were promised unrealistic returns. The two received eight months of credit for time spent in custody.

Brost was also found guilty of money laundering and received a separate, but concurrent, sentence.

"The crimes committed by these two offenders are two of the biggest frauds in Canadian history," Queen's Bench Justice Robert Hall said in a Calgary courtroom.

"They were motivated in my mind by greed with no regard to the effect on the many, many investors they defrauded," he added.

"The loss of these large sums of money has had a devastating impact on the victims."

The court said more than 2,400 investors from around the world lost up to \$200 million. Police have estimated the figure could be as high as \$400 million. Many lost their life savings.

Court received 600 victim impact statements before a sentencing hearing last month.

Lawyers for Brost said they may appeal. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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IN BRIEF

Utility watchdog welcomes TransAlta decision

The Alberta Utility Commission's conclusion that TransAlta triggered outages at power plants to raise electricity rates is a welcome step toward fair markets, the head of the province's utility watchdog said Tuesday.

"It's a huge win for Albertans, who deserve to benefit from a fair, efficient, openly competitive market," said Harry Chandler, administrator of the Market Surveillance Administrator.

Chandler accused TransAlta of deliberately timing outages at coal-fired power plants in Alberta at peak times in late 2010 and early 2011 to drive up electricity prices.

In a report released Monday, Alberta's Utility Commission agreed.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

St. Patrick's Island to re-open Friday after redesign

St. Patrick's Island is set to reopen to the public on Friday, after a \$20-million improvement project for which planning began in 2010.

The island park space in the Bow River just north of East Village will officially open its gates at 11 a.m.

"It's been five eventful and exciting years since we began master planning for the park's redevelopment," Michael Brown, president and CEO of the Calgary Municipal Land Corporation (CMLC), said in a statement.

The island has been redesigned to be "an all-season destination." METRO

It pays to play online for Calgary gamer

STREAMING

Twitch.tv helps with social anxiety, covers baby costs



Aaron Chatha
Metro | Calgary

Online streaming service Twitch recreates the feeling of sitting on a couch and watching a friend play a video game — except now you're watching someone play online along with thousands of other spectators.

That's a really big couch.

Calgarian Christina Gail streams games like Call of Duty and Heroes of the Storm, chatting with her audience live as she plays. She's only been doing it for a year and a half and already has over 5,000 followers on her feed.

Playing video games on Twitch pays, too.

Through donations and advertiser money, Gail has helped her mother go back to school and is gathering funds for a stroller and car seat ahead of her due date in November.

But more important than the

(Twitch) was kind of my outlet to push myself to talk to other people.

Christina Gail



Christina Gail used to get anxiety just making a phone call. Now she plays video games in front of thousands of online viewers wearing a pizza costume. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

money is how it has helped bring her out of her shell.

"I actually started streaming to help with my social anxiety," said Gail. "It was kind of my outlet to push myself to talk to other people and put myself in an awkward situation to make myself get over it."

When she's not playing, she's watching other people play. She loves watching gamers attack a game that's too difficult for her, and it gives her the chance to meet new and interesting people.

"You're hanging out with a bunch of people, pretty much," she said. "It's entertaining to watch people get through hard parts of a game or an intense situation; how they react to scary games."

"You live vicariously through them, if they play the game well."

Some of the most popular streamers in North America reportedly make six figures per year.

Gail says she would love to stream full-time if her account gets popular enough.

You can follow her streams at twitch.tv/ChristinaGailC.

BY LAW

Potato patch gets reprieve

A Calgary couple whose potato patch was set to be plowed under by an order from Calgary bylaw officers may have struck Yukon gold in a new agreement with the city.

Greg Mattern and his wife Lisa were surprised to return home after vacation to find that their prized potato patch growing in the back alleyway had been given notice to uproot.

A letter from the city noted the potato patch was outside of their private property and in violation of street bylaw sections 17.4 and 18.1. The bylaw officer found dirt from an alleyway potato garden was obstructing the road and there were concerns the root system may impact the street.

The back-alley patch was given only seven days' notice to move or face a fine of \$500.

But after Metro first reported this story, the city has since come to an agreement with the family, allowing the Matterns to keep their patch until it's ready to be harvested.

"All they were asking for was a compromise to allow them to harvest potatoes this year knowing that they won't be able to do it in the future," said Alvin Murray, operations manager for North Calgary with animal and bylaw services.

Lisa said Tuesday being able to harvest their potatoes at the end of this season is "all (they) really wanted." She said they haven't had a big crop in past years, but she hopes to make a mean potato salad or baked potato dish with this year's harvest.

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CRIME

RCMP identifies woman's remains



Andrea Ross
Metro | Edmonton

On Tuesday, RCMP identified the human remains found on a rural property near Leduc in April as those of Corrie Renee Ottenbreit, a woman who went missing from Edmonton's 118 Avenue area more than 10 years ago.

Ottenbreit's remains are the fourth woman's remains to be found and identified within an eight kilometre radius in Leduc since 2003, and RCMP say a "serial predator" could be responsible for the deaths.

The woman's remains were identified through DNA analysis.

Our only hope now is that we will someday learn more about what led to her disappearance and death.

Corrie Ottenbreit's mother, Carmen

of a hair sample she gave to the RCMP's Project KARE street team in 2003. That street team takes DNA samples from women in high-risk situations in order to help identify them.

Ottenbreit's mother, Carmen, said in a statement that the family is struggling with the news.

"Our only hope now is that we will someday learn more about what led to her disappearance and death."

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Corrie Renee Ottenbreit disappeared more than 10 years ago.



A cyclist rides past an automated counter in the National Capital Region. Calgary plans to install similar devices on its cycle-track network. COURTESY HANS MOOR/URBAN COMMUTER OTTAWA

Live bicycling counts delayed

TECHNICAL ISSUES

Glitches will delay release of real-time data until August



Robson Fletcher
Metro | Calgary

Looking for the latest bike counts on Calgary's cycle-track network?

You'll have to wait a little longer.

The city has delayed the launch of both the online data and the real-time display signs

set to be installed along each new separated bike lane downtown.

Crews "are still working on the final details for the counts to show up correctly online," city spokesperson Pooja Thakore told Metro Tuesday.

Daily bike counts along the previously built 7 Street SW cycle track and the Peace Bridge have been published online since Jan. 1, but Thakore said it "will still take a couple more weeks" for data from the new cycle tracks to go live.

As for the real-time display signs set to be installed on each leg of the new network, she said "power connection issues" have delayed those, too, and there's

now "no timeline" for their installation.

When the cycle track network, itself, opened ahead of schedule in mid-June, cycling co-ordinator Tom Thivener said the automated bike counts would "likely be up by early July."

One large display, known as a "totem," is to be installed at the 5 Street SW underpass and smaller displays, about the size of a speed-limit sign, are to be installed on the 8 Avenue and 12 Avenue cycle tracks.

"It's something that the City of Calgary is investing in to help provide quick numbers to the public, really, for their own analysis," Thivener said in June.

GOOD SAMARITAN

Driver returns lost wallet



Jeremy Simes
For Metro | Calgary

After losing his wallet and having a minor panic attack early Tuesday morning, Robert Drover was elated to see his morning bus driver, Syed Shah, at his doorstep later that day holding his cherished cardholder.

When Drover got off the No. 10 downtown to fetch his morning coffee before work, he soon realized he had no money.

"I had everything in there — credit cards, debit cards, my driver's licence, even my 40-year-old birth certificate," he said. "Everything that says who I am was in that little thing."

Drover did what most would do: report the lost wallet to Calgary Transit and check its lost and found. No luck.

As a last resort, he drove home to make sure he didn't leave it there. Nothing.

Just as Drover was about to cancel the cards and call it quits, he heard someone knocking on the door. It was the bus driver: Shah.

"I was a little floored," he said. "I was grateful for it."



Everything that says who I am was in that little thing.

Robert Drover

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WESTJET

Mascot body snatched after booth invasion

PET-A-PALOOZA

Animal-helping group left with only blue dog's top and bottom

 Aaron Chatha
Metro | Calgary

The Four Feet Companion Foundation is dealing with an out-of-body experience.

The body, in this case, is that of their mascot, which went missing from the group's Pet-a-Palooza booth on Friday night.

The mascot was left overnight with the foundation's other booth materials, and when volunteers arrived in the morning, the mascot's torso was missing.

However, its head and feet were left behind.

"The mascot is really big

to us," said foundation co-founder Daniela Montgomery. "We actually had it donated to begin with. We find that it's really good to help us connect with people."

Using the mascot to help draw crowds, volunteers for the foundation tell people about their cause.

"Whenever we have a booth or awareness type of event, having a mascot really helps draw people in."

"We're really heartbroken that it's gone missing because we're going to lose that opportunity now."

The Four Feet Companion Foundation is a registered charity that helps companion animals, from dogs and cats to horses, donkeys and even pot-bellied pigs.

Montgomery said the organization works by co-ordinating with other charities in the city to find animals homes or obtain funding for shelters.



The fuzzy blue mascot for the Four Feet Foundation lost its body over the weekend. COURTESY DANIELA MONTGOMERY

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CALGARY ZOO

Penguin population grows by exactly one

The first baby Humboldt penguin has hatched at the Calgary Zoo.

The zoo announced the arrival of the new member of its penguin family Tuesday, after Humboldt penguin parents Reina and Javier hatched a male chick June 26.

"It's a vulnerable species with a lot of issues in the wild," said zoo curator Dr. Malu Celli. "It's not just overfishing, but locals col-

lecting guano, which is how they build their nests, and oil spills. They do need protection, so having a healthy population in captivity is a way of safe-guarding the wild population."

Celli said the chick is thriving in the new habitat, and although they haven't named him yet, they expect to have the public weigh in on social media with suggestions soon.

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IN BRIEF

High-risk offender may be in Regina, police say

Calgary police are still seeking Christopher Musqua on nationwide arrest warrants.

The warrants include failing to comply with 24-hour house arrest, failing to reside where approved and failing to attend for assessment and counselling.

It's believed Musqua, 44, may be in Regina. He's considered a high risk to reoffend in a violent manner. Anyone with information is



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Canadian Forces officer faces sex-related charges

CANADIAN FORCES

Commander accused of offences against cadets

The commander of one of the country's most famous infantry battalions faces serious, sex-related charges, less than a week after the country's new defence chief pledged to eradicate sexual misconduct in the military.

Lt.-Col. Mason Stalker of the 1st Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry has been charged with 10 offences including sexual assault, sexual exploitation and breach of trust.

The charges relate to a series of incidents involving military cadets that are alleged to have occurred in Edmonton between 1998 and 2007.

"These are serious and significant charges under the Criminal Code of Canada," said Lt.-Col. Francis Bolduc, commanding officer of the Canadian Forces National Investigation Service.

"Regardless of a member's rank and role in the Canadian Armed Forces, the Canadian Forces National Investigation Service works diligently and independently from the Canadian Armed Forces chain of command to protect individuals from those who violate the law."

Last week, Gen. Jonathan Vance, the chief of defence staff, laid out changes to how

the military handles sexual misconduct complaints. In a letter sent to all members of the Canadian Forces, Vance likened the approach to a formal military operation, calling it Operation Honour.

"I lament the fact that there exist within our ranks those that would bully, degrade or assault others, especially another member of the CAF or a member of the defence team," Vance wrote in his July 23 letter.

Vance's pronouncements came after former Supreme Court justice Marie Deschamps issued a report that found sexual misconduct "endemic" in the military, and tolerated by the highest ranks.

Deschamps' April report laid the blame on a pervasive macho culture in which the leadership tolerates abuse and leaves women fearful to report it.

But only two of her 10 recommendations for fighting the problem were accepted outright by then-chief of defence staff Gen. Tom Lawson.

When Vance took over as the top-ranked officer earlier this month, he changed the tone, saying he assumed responsibility for what he termed the "institutional failure" of the armed forces to address sexual misconduct.

Stalker, 40, is charged with three counts of sexual assault, four counts of sexual exploitation and one count each of sexual interference, invitation to sexual touching and breach of trust by a public officer.

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These are serious and significant charges.

Lt.-Col. Francis Bolduc



Lt.-Col. Mason Stalker, left, and Gov.-Gen. and Commander-in-Chief of Canada David Johnston in Ottawa in November 2012. MCPL DANY VEILLETTE

CRIME

'We may be dealing with a serial predator': RCMP

Police have identified the remains found on a rural property near Leduc, Alta. in April as those of Corrie Renee Ottenbreit, an Edmonton woman who went missing more than 10 years ago.

RCMP confirmed the remains found April 19 belonged to Delores Brower, who was last seen May 15, 2004. Some of those remains have now been identified as belonging to 27-year-old Ottenbreit, a sex-trade worker who went missing on May 9, 2004, just one week before Brower.

Police were able to confirm Ottenbreit's identity through a hair sample she provided on Dec. 13, 2003 to the Project KARE street team, an RCMP initiative established in 2003 that works with vulnerable people in Alberta to minimize their risk of harm.

Ottenbreit's death is considered a homicide.

"This is a very difficult time for the Ottenbreit family and our thoughts are with them today," RCMP Serious Crimes Branch Insp. Stacey Talbot said Tuesday. "Sadly, they now

know where Corrie is and now we need the public's help in finding out what happened to her."

The area where Ottenbreit and Brower's remains were found is within an eight-kilometre radius of the discovery of human remains belonging to two other women living high-risk lifestyles before their deaths.

Katie Sylvia Ballantyne went missing on April 28, 2003. Her remains were found in the area on July 2, 2003. Amber Tuccaro went missing on Aug. 18,

2010 and her remains were also found in that area on Sept. 1, 2012.

Insp. Talbot said police continue to investigate the deaths, and are asking for the public's help with any information related to the missing women. No suspects have been named.

"With the close proximities of these deaths, it is a possibility ... that it could be one person committing these offences on a number of individuals," she said. "We may be dealing with a serial predator."

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BACKGROUND

Police are urging anyone with information about Ottenbreit's disappearance or death to contact them at 1-877-412-KARE (5273) or the Edmonton Police Service at 780-423-4567.

Those wishing to remain anonymous can contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

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CFB VALCARTIER

Cadets treated unfairly

Gerry Fostaty was five steps away from the entry to the barracks at CFB Valcartier on July 30, 1974, when a grenade exploded inside, triggering widespread carnage that would leave a lasting impact on dozens of people.

The 18-year-old platoon sergeant was shielded from the blast by his commander who was standing in the door frame, but more than 130 boys sitting cross-legged on the floor were not as lucky.

"It was an absolutely horrific scene," Fostaty said in an interview from Toronto on Tuesday.

"The room was full of smoke, people lying on top of each other. There were boys covered in blood, screaming. The majority of people in the room were covered in blood and flesh — they were covered in their friends. It became (my) job to get those boys out of that room."

The tragedy, in which six cadets died and 65 other people were injured, resurfaced as a news story Tuesday when the Canadian Forces' ombudsman released a blistering report into the treatment of those who survived the blast.

Gary Walbourne said cadets who suffered psychological and physical trauma from that day at the Quebec City-area base were not given the long-term care that regular Forces members received.

He concluded it was "unfair" that cadets — who did not hold status in the Forces — were unable to receive care similar to what was offered to full-fledged military members who were also injured in the tragedy.

He recommended the injured cadets be assessed medically and offered a reasonable care plan as well as "immediate and reasonable" financial compensation.

The report was sparked by complaints he received in 2013.

The six cadets who died were between 14 and 15. Of the other 65 people injured, 62 were cadets.

The youngsters were passing around what were supposed to be inert explosive devices in the presence of members of the Forces. The live grenade was mistakenly mixed in with the devices and a cadet — after being told he could pull the pin — triggered the ammunition.

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It was an absolutely horrific scene.

Gerry Fostaty, author



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ISTANBUL

Conflict rises in Turkey

Fighting between the Turkish military and Kurdish rebels escalated Tuesday amid signs of unease from NATO allies attending an emergency meeting about Turkey's conflicts with the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), and the Kurds.

On a violent day, Turkish fighter jets pounded rebels from the Kurdistan Workers Party after soldiers were fired on with heavy weaponry in Sırnak province, according to a military statement. Turkish soldiers also came under attack in two other incidents.

Meanwhile, NATO allies met in a rare emergency meeting at Turkey's request and proclaimed "strong solidarity" with the country's fight against ISIL.

"The security of the alliance is indivisible," ambassadors from all 28 NATO nations declared in a joint statement after the meeting.

The spike in violence in recent days has prompted concerns that a peace process between Turkey and Kurdish rebels is falling beyond repair.

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IN BRIEF

Australian police find lead in missing girl case

British police investigating the 2007 disappearance of Madeleine McCann say they have been in touch with Australian authorities about the discovery of the body of a young girl in a suitcase there.

Australian officials say there is no evidence the badly decomposed remains of a young girl are related to the McCann case. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Cecil, the much-loved Zimbabwean lion, was killed by American tourist Walter Palmer on a hunt using a bow and arrow, according to the Zimbabwe Conservation Task Force charity. Zimbabwean authorities say the lion was tempted outside the park using bait, then shot earlier this month. Palmer claims he was misled by professional guides into believing the hunt was legal. AFP PHOTO

Lion killer says he believed hunt legal

ZIMBABWE

Dentist blames local guides for death of protected cat

An avid Minnesota hunter accused of illegally killing a protected lion in Zimbabwe said Tuesday that he thought everything about his trip was legal and wasn't aware of the animal's status "until the end of the hunt."

Walter Palmer, who has a felony record in the U.S. related to shooting a black bear

in Wisconsin, released his statement through a public relations firm after being identified by officials as the American involved in the hunt. Authorities in Zimbabwe say Palmer is being sought on poaching charges, but Palmer said he hasn't heard from U.S. or Zimbabwean authorities.

The death of Cecil, a well-known and protected lion, outraged animal conservationists and others.

"I had no idea that the lion I took was a known, local favourite, was collared and part of a study until the end of the hunt. I relied on the expertise of my local profes-

sional guides to ensure a legal hunt," said Palmer, a dentist who lives in the Minneapolis suburb of Eden Prairie.

I had no idea that the lion I took was a known, local favourite.
Walter Palmer

Palmer's whereabouts were unknown Tuesday. No one answered the door at his home, and a woman who

came out of his dental office in nearby Bloomington said he wasn't there or taking patients Tuesday. Phone calls to listed home numbers went unanswered.

Local authorities allege the lion was lured from a protected area and killed in early July. Zimbabwean conservationists said the American allegedly paid \$50,000 for the trip.

According to U.S. court records, Palmer pleaded guilty in 2008 to making false statements to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service about a black bear he fatally shot in western Wisconsin. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SENTENCING HEARING

Insider guilty in inmates' escape

A U.S. prison worker pleaded guilty Tuesday to smuggling hacksaw blades in frozen hamburger meat to two killers who later broke out in a brazen, elaborate escape that captured the world's attention for more than two weeks.

Joyce Mitchell, a tailor shop instructor at Clinton Correctional Facility in northern New York state, was jailed shortly after the intricately staged June 6 escape of Richard Matt and David Sweat. Matt was shot and killed by searchers June 26, about 30 miles west of the prison. Sweat was captured near the Canadian border two days later and sent to another prison.

Mitchell, 51, faces a sentence of between 2 1/2 and seven years in prison under terms of a plea deal with prosecutors. Sentencing is set for Sept. 28. Her lawyer said his client won't be able to post the bail set by the judge at \$100,000 cash or \$200,000 bond.

Corrections officials said Tuesday that Mitchell, who was arrested June 12, resigned from her job about two weeks later. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Joyce Mitchell. AP PHOTO



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Bill Kelso, director of archaeology at Jamestown Discover, poses with bone fragments at Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History in Washington. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bones ID'd as 4 leaders

JAMESTOWN, VIRGINIA

Burial sites at church where Pocahontas married Rolfe

Archeologists have uncovered human remains of four of the earliest leaders of the English colony that would become America, buried for more than 400 years near the altar of what was America's first Protestant church in Jamestown, Virginia.

The four burial sites were uncovered in the floor of what's left of Jamestown's historic Anglican church from 1608, a team of scientists and historians announced Tuesday. The site is the same church where Pocahontas famously married Englishman John Rolfe, leading to peace between the Powhatan Indians and colonists at the first permanent English settlement in America.

Beyond the human remains, archeologists also found artifacts buried with the colonial leaders — including a mysterious Catholic container for holy relics found in the Protestant

church.

The Jamestown Rediscovery archeology team revealed its discovery at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History. The museum is helping to study and identify those buried in the church. The burials were first uncovered in November 2013, but the scientific team wanted to trace and identify its findings with some certainty before announcing the discovery.

Archeologists have been studying the site since 1994, when the original James Fort — long thought to be lost and submerged in the James River — was rediscovered.

The team identified the remains of the Rev. Robert Hunt, Jamestown's first Anglican minister who was known as a peacemaker between rival colonial leaders; Capt. Gabriel Archer, a nemesis of one-time colony leader John Smith; Sir Ferdinando Wainman, likely the first knight buried in America; and Capt. William West, who died in a fight with the Powhatan Indians. The three other men likely died after brief illnesses. They were buried between 1608 and 1610.

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IN BRIEF

Doc charged for wrongly declaring woman dead

Prosecutors in Germany have charged a 53-year-old doctor with negligent bodily harm for declaring a seriously ill 92-year-old woman dead in March, only for her to awaken the same

evening in a refrigerated room at a funeral home. A worker at the funeral home heard a scream from the refrigeration room and discovered the woman alive. The woman died two days later from heart disease.

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AFGHANISTAN

Pakistan set to host Kabul-Taliban talks

Pakistan is finalizing preparations to host the second round of landmark peace talks between Afghan government officials and the Taliban later this week, two Pakistani officials said Tuesday.

The talks are meant to find a way to end the 14-year war in Afghanistan, which has been a priority for Afghan President Ashraf Ghani since he took office last year. Ghani has sought Pakistan's help in bringing the

Taliban to the negotiations, since Islamabad is believed to wield influence over the group.

Islamabad hosted the first round of the official, face-to-face discussions earlier this month. The meeting was supervised by U.S. and Chinese representatives and ended with both sides agreeing to meet again.

Islamabad is now finalizing preparations for the next round on Friday, the two Pakistani officials confirmed.

Last week, two members of the Afghan High Peace Council, the body charged with negotiating a settlement with the Taliban insurgents, said China was the most likely venue for the second round of talks.

The Kabul-Taliban talks come after several informal contacts between the Taliban and Afghan government representatives, most recently in Qatar and Norway.

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Afghan President Ashraf Ghani. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

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Experts warn of killer robots

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Hawking and Wozniak lead charge to stop new arms race

Scientists and tech experts — including professor Stephen Hawking and Apple co-founder Steve Wozniak — warned Tuesday of a global arms race with weapons using artificial intelligence.

In an open letter with hundreds of signatories, the experts argued that if any major military power pushes ahead with development of autonomous weapons, "a global arms race is virtually inevitable, and the endpoint of this technological trajectory is obvious: autonomous weapons will become the Kalashnikovs of tomorrow."

Some people have argued in favour of robots on the battlefield, saying their use could save lives. Such weapons are still years away.



Scientists and tech experts, including Apple co-founder Steve Wozniak, warned Tuesday of a global arms race with weapons using artificial intelligence. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

But the scientists warned that, unlike nuclear weapons, once they are developed they will require no costly or hard-

to-obtain raw materials — making it possible to mass-produce them. "It will only be a matter of time until they appear on

the black market and in the hands of terrorists, dictators wishing to better control their populace, warlords wishing to

Autonomous weapons will become the Kalashnikovs of tomorrow.

Open letter signed by scientists and tech experts

perpetrate ethnic cleansing, etc.," the letter said.

The signatories included leading figures globally in academia and business studying artificial intelligence — the idea that computer systems could replicate tasks normally requiring human intelligence, such as language translation or visual perception.

They were joined by philosophers, historians, sociologists and geneticists.

Those signing the letter included Elon Musk, Tesla Motors CEO; Demis Hassabis, who founded Google DeepMind; and Noam Chomsky, an emeritus professor at MIT.

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IN BRIEF

WestJet earnings up in second quarter

WestJet reported record earnings Tuesday in its second quarter, propelled by falling fuel costs and a rising number of passengers. Gregg Saretsky, CEO of the Calgary-based airline, said he expects discounted rates and updated WestJet Plus fares to drive similarly strong results in the second half of the year. WestJet earned a second-quarter profit of \$61.6 million, up from \$51.8 million last year. Revenue improved to \$942.0 million, up from \$930.3 million last year.

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Motorola updates its smartphones

Motorola is refreshing its Android smartphones with better cameras and other improvements as it seeks to lure customers who want lower-cost alternatives to smartphones from Apple and Samsung. The Moto G, Moto X Play and Moto X Style will appeal largely to people who have to pay full prices for phones. Motorola said the new Moto G will retail in the U.S. for about \$180 US without a contract. It hasn't announced prices for the Moto X models.

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COMPUTING

Microsoft is giving away new Windows 10 upgrade for free

Microsoft's new Windows 10 operating system debuts Wednesday, as the longtime leader in PC software hopes that giving the upgrade away for free will help it carve out a new role in a world where people increasingly rely on smartphones, tablets and information stored online.

The company, which wants to get the new software on as many devices as possible, is counting on tens or even hundreds of millions of people to download its latest release

LOG IN

No more passwords

Windows 10 lets users log in with their face, iris or thumbprint, instead of remembering passwords, though this works only with the right hardware.

in the coming months. Many people will also get Windows 10 as part of new PCs.

Windows 10 is coming to

PCs and tablets first, but it's also designed to run phones, game consoles and even holographic headsets. It has new features, a streamlined Web browser called Edge and a desktop version of Cortana, the online assistant that is Microsoft's answer to Google Now and Apple's Siri.

Still, the company insists Windows 10 will seem familiar to users of Windows 7, the six-year-old operating system still running on most PCs.

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A Director, under the Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Act will make an application for: **Custody Order; Permanent Guardianship Order** of your child born on **June 13, 1998**. If you wish to speak to this matter in court, you **MUST** appear in court on this date. You do have the right to be represented by a lawyer. If you do not attend in person or by a lawyer, an Order may be made in your absence and the Judge may make a different Order than the one being applied for by the Director. You will be bound by any Order the Judge makes.

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the big question

Is the 'gig economy' a myth?

Much has been made of the rise of freelance and contract work that's seen many scraping together a living from multiple, insecure sources. But recent research suggests the 'Uber economy' may not be all it's cracked up to be. In fact, fewer Americans are self-employed or hold multiple jobs than just 10 years ago. People who would be working multiple jobs are taking advantage of tech-sector opportunities. But if companies — especially low-overhead, web-based ones like Etsy and Airbnb — prove piecemeal work is profitable, other businesses could imitate them. And then a trend that has been mostly confined to discussion boards and think-pieces could make an appearance in real life.

SOURCE: SLATE

How not to think about a very scary climate study

 **Genna Buck**
Metro | Toronto

Communication between the scientific and non-scientific worlds often resembles two people shouting over a vast river, each straining to hear the other's garbled shouts.

On Thursday, regular people got a particularly inscrutable dispatch from those way over on the scientific side: A long and complex paper, from the climate scientist and NASA veteran James Hansen, that makes some pretty extreme projections about the rise in global sea levels.

Hansen and his co-authors paint the future as significantly scarier even than the International Panel on Climate Change's worst-case scenario, which estimates global sea-level rise at just shy of a metre by the year 2100 if we continue emitting as we have been. Hansen suggests not only that a one-metre rise

could happen much earlier but that, if we continue on our current fuel-burning path through 2100, sea levels will rise by between five and nine metres, heights he thinks weren't seen since about 115,000 to 130,000 years ago, when Neanderthals roamed Europe and our *Homo sapiens* ancestors were still knocking rocks together in Africa.

If the Hansen-report scenario comes to pass, New York City and Bangladesh would be swallowed up.

Pondering all this on the layman's riverbank, I was faced with reasons to doubt the paper. First of all, it's terrifying. Secondly, I was suspicious that something important had been lost in transmission. It was time to run some telephone cable under the river, and find out how to think about Hansen's study as a scientist would.

So I called Canadian climate experts and ran Hansen's findings by them. That's when I found a reason for caution:

The paper was published in an open-access journal anyone can give feedback to. It hasn't been through the process of expert peer review yet. Open review may seem like a scientific free-for-all, says Karen Kohfeld, a Canada Research Chair in climate, but done right, it can actually improve transparency and get more eyes on the work.

This is what Carleton University scientist John Stone told me when I asked him why earlier estimates might have been less apocalyptic than Hansen's: "Our understanding of glacier (and) ice-sheet physics has evolved rapidly and produced several surprises ... these advances, unfortunately, imply a sea-level rise that is much faster than previously estimated."

Skeptics like to interpret the fact that experts disagree about precisely the scale and timing of the earth's warming to mean we can't be sure it's warming at all.

But if you think that way,

you're not thinking like a scientist. Climate systems are extremely complex, and we can only talk about the future in terms of risk, says Gordon McBean, chair of the Canadian Foundation for Climate and Atmospheric Sciences.

"What Hansen is talking about is a possibility," he told me — but it's one of many.

Such vagueness is enough to make a person want to give up and say it's too late — that there's no point trying to reduce emissions. We'll just have to adapt. But that's like saying you've had so many sunburns, there's no point trying to stop skin cancer and you'll take chemotherapy.

The way we're going, we'd be lucky to get off with a one-metre sea level rise. Even then, in Kohfeld's words, "We're going to see a world we've not experienced before."

Genna Buck is a science writer and the Section Editor of Metro Views. Follow her on Twitter @genna_buck.

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

metroview

We police voices of all those we deem to be improper in society

It's my great pleasure today to disagree with both Naomi Wolf and her critics.

This whole vocal-fry thing is not about holding women down.

Or rather, it's about so much more.

Last week Wolf penned a misguided address to young women in North America and Britain: To be successful, she wrote, we must change our voices.

No more uptalk (adding a question-mark sound to a statement). No more "like." No more "breathiness" or run-on sentences. And no more vocal fry (the staccato distortion that sounds like an idling motor).

That last one has had a popular year. This American Life did a show on it, prompted by piles of hate-mail from listeners who can't stand to hear women reporters.

Wolf argued in the Guardian, rather incoherently, that women should not be judged by how they sound, but since they are — and since it may be ruining their careers (a modern woman's most sacred possession) — women should try to sound better.

She even argued that young women put on wispy voices out of insecurity, and if they only use their "own voices," then "huge, good changes follow."

Asking women to change is very un-feminist thinking from

a popular feminist, Wolf's critics have pointed out .

I agree. Except they, too, are missing the point.

The policing of voices isn't a feminist issue. It's a general, equal-opportunity tool of oppression.

It's done to all sections of society deemed improper, either by way of gender, class or race.

In the U.K. — a linguistic buffet — class and the posh, "proper" English accent has long dictated the BBC's sound. It's more diverse these days, but just last year, a viewer deemed one BBC reporter's northern English accent a "terrible affliction."

In America, it's a matter of race. Writing for NPR earlier this year, Cherjerai Kumanyika discussed making his voice sound less black for radio.

There is an accepted way to speak with authority. It involves a relatively low register, no immigrant accent and no slang. It sounds very male, very white and very upper class. All must rise to it, or be silent.

I'm not above its allure. I've secretly criticized women's voices and wondered why some speak so softly.

But sexism, racism and classism are no excuse for tuning out others. Maybe once our media sounds as diverse as our streets, we'll stop thinking that authority sounds like a white man.

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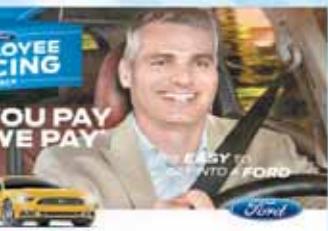
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Aziz Ansari gets his own Netflix series, *Master of None*

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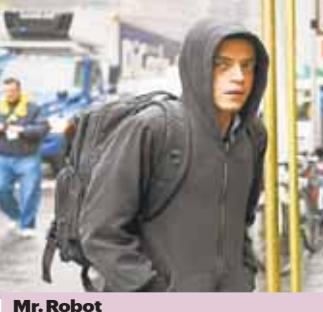
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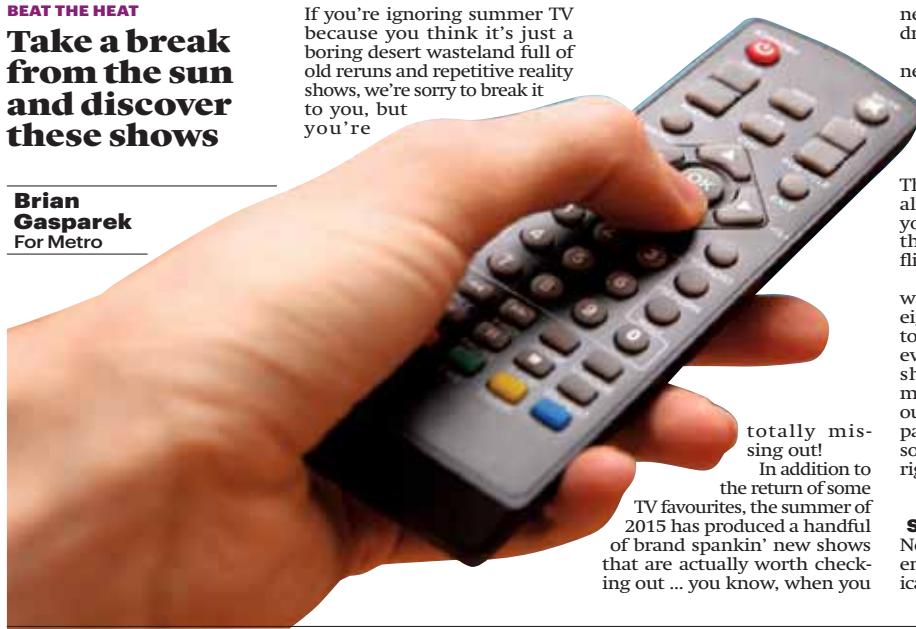
UnREAL

Summer television must-sees

BEAT THE HEAT
Take a break from the sun and discover these shows

Brian Gasparek
For Metro

If you're ignoring summer TV because you think it's just a boring desert wasteland full of old reruns and repetitive reality shows, we're sorry to break it to you, but you're



totally missing out!
In addition to the return of some TV favourites, the summer of 2015 has produced a handful of brand spankin' new shows that are actually worth checking out ... you know, when you

need a break from those patio drinks in the sun.

Here's a look at the five best new TV shows that you should be watching this summer. Trust us, they will happily tide you over until the fall.

Sense8

There's a good chance you've already heard the buzz, but if you haven't actually watched the Wachowski siblings' Netflix series *Sense8* yet, start now.

The show is captivatingly weird. It follows the story of eight strangers that are linked together as one self, tracing the events of a tragic death. They share the same knowledge, memories, and abilities. It's far out and addictive. And the best part is that the entire first season is available to binge watch right now. You won't regret it.

Wet Hot American

Summer: First Day of Camp
Netflix is about to release the entire series of *Wet Hot American Summer: First Day of Camp*

and it's pretty damn hilarious.

The series is the prequel to the cult comedy film *Wet Hot American Summer*.

It features an all-star cast of Paul Rudd, Amy Poehler, Bradley Cooper, Elizabeth Banks, Janeane Garofalo and Molly Shannon all reprising their film roles, plus some sweet cameos that you can't miss.

Mr. Robot

Mr. Robot is about a young outcast cyber-security engineer named Elliot who is actually a vigilante hacker by night.

He uses his hacking skills to illegally bring society's scumbags (pedophiles, cheaters and sleazy executives) to justice. He gets too deep into a murky conspiracy plan with a mysterious social-anarchist leader named Mr. Robot (Christian Slater) who wants to bring down the corporation that Elliot works for with his followers.

It's kind of like a cyberpunk, hacker version of *Dexter*. You'll like it.

Humans

If you're looking for a solid dose of new science fiction this summer, the Brit series *Humans* is a must see. The show explores the societal relationship between human beings and their uncannily human-like helper androids called synths (the latest must-have technology for busy families.) The show focuses on the emotional consequences of creating human-like artificial intelligence that may or may not actually have feelings. Classic science fiction nuts will love it.

UnREAL

Ridiculous title spelling aside, *UnREAL* is a must-see.

The dark comedy, which premiered last month, features Shiri Appleby as an unstable and morally conflicted producer working on a salacious, soul-sucking Bachelor-esque reality show.

It's a terrific spoof on how twisted the creation of that kind of insufferable reality TV must really be.

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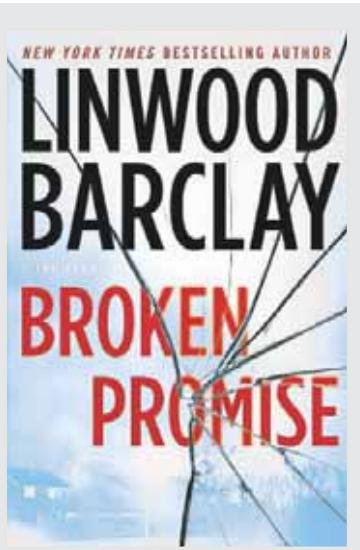
Something dark has infected Promise Falls

Bestselling thriller author Linwood Barclay returns this month with *Broken Promise* (Doubleday, July 28, \$22.95) the first book in an explosive new trilogy.

After the discovery of a bizarre squirrel massacre by the town's former mayor in yesterday's excerpt, we return to David who visits his cousin Marla and is startled to find her caring for a baby just 10 months after her miscarriage.

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Maybe this was just the way she'd been since giving birth to a lifeless child. Dad had more or less nailed it, in his own tactless way, when he said she'd gone "a bit crackers"



"Marla, I'm serious. You need to talk to me here," I said. "Where did you get this baby?"

"I should put him down for a nap," she said, cradling Matthew in her arms.

"Who else knows about Matthew?" I asked. "Does Aunt Agnes — does your mother know?"

"I haven't told her the good news yet. It's all happened pretty quickly. Yesterday after-

noon, around the time Dr. Phil comes on, the doorbell rang."

"Who was it?"

A weak smile. "I told you. The angel. Well, okay, not a real angel, but she was dressed all in white."

"Was she the mother?"

Marla looked at me sharply. "I'm the mother now."

"Okay," I said. "Was she injured? Did you see any blood? Was there blood on her hand?"

Did she say who she was?"

Marla shook her head slowly. "You know I'm not good with faces, David. And she was in a hurry." Her voice drifted off. She put Matthew in the middle of the bed and surrounded him with pillows, creating a kind of berm around him.

"Until I get a crib, I have to do this. I don't want him rolling off the bed and hitting the floor. Would you be able to help

me with that? Getting a crib?

"There are a few things we need to sort out first," I said.

I wondered whether she was on medication, whether that would explain her apparent detachment from reality. If she'd been seeing a psychiatrist since losing her baby, and been prescribed anything to deal with depression or anxiety, I wasn't aware of it.

Maybe she wasn't on anything, and this was just the way she'd been since giving birth to a lifeless child. Dad had more or less nailed it, in his own tactless way, when he said she'd gone "a bit crackers."

Marla's mother, Agnes, and their family physician, a doctor named Sturgess, if I remembered right, had been at her side. Mom had talked about their sense of horror when they realized something was wrong. How Marla had been able to hold the child, briefly, before it had to be taken away.

How it had been a girl.

"Such a sad, sad thing," Mom said whenever her niece crossed her mind. "It did something to her. Something just snapped."

In tomorrow's excerpt:
David's concern about Marla and the baby rises as he finds more bloody smudges

PLAYING POLITICS

Jon Stewart advised Obama

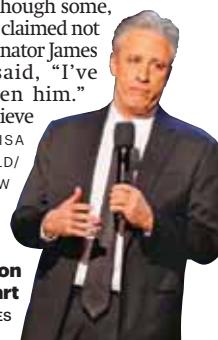
With Jon Stewart at the helm, The Daily Show had a strong track record of taking solid swings at the hypocrisy of the government. But a new Politico story reveals just how much the government was listening.

On two separate occasions, the Obama White House invited Stewart in for private meetings with the president to discuss policy. In 2011, he went to discuss budget difficulties, and then he returned in 2014 to discuss what was happening with Russia and Ukraine.

Politico spoke to politicians on both sides of the aisle to discuss Stewart's influence over the years, with both indicating that he got in his share of hits on them — though some, of course, claimed not

to care: Senator James Inhofe said, "I've never seen him."

Do we believe him? LISA WEIDENFELD / METRO NEW YORK

Jon Stewart
GETTY IMAGES

GOSSIP NOTES

Jurassic World has a gay porn parody

How could you possibly improve on *Jurassic World*, the summer's biggest movie?

How about with a cheaply made Thai gay porn adaptation titled, simply, *Jurassic Porn* and featuring guys in what I guess are supposed to be dinosaur suits?

If the amazing trailer is any

indication, it will be a bizarre, cross-cutting mix of Scooby-Doo-like comic antics and hard-core all-male three-ways. As they say, "the hunting will be happening."

Oh and, "the exciting between human and dinosaur" does sound pretty, um, exciting.

Wonder what Chris Pratt would think.

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A scene from the *Jurassic Porn* adaptation. CONTRIBUTED

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Canada turns up the eats

FOOD DAY CANADA

A delicious day to celebrate Canuck food

A uniquely Canadian meal for 7,000 people is just one of the events being hosted as part of the country's largest culinary party.

Chef Andrew Hodge is gearing up to feed hungry oilsands workers near Fort McMurray, Alta., a special menu this Saturday to mark Food Day Canada.

Meanwhile, Roary MacPherson at the Sheraton Hotel Newfoundland aims to be first to celebrate Food Day Canada by kicking off a two-day party on Friday.

Food Day Canada organizer and founder Anita Stewart expects some 250 restaurants across the country will mark the occasion with special menus.

She says the annual event is a chance for Canadians to celebrate the country's farmers, fishers, chefs, researchers and home cooks.

Hodge's meal for Canadian Natural Resources Ltd. workers is the largest Stewart has seen

in the dozen years she's been co-ordinating Food Day Canada.

The chef has divided his menu into main and side dishes from western, eastern and central Canada, while the dessert tray will also feature sweets from across the country.

His interpretation of food from the west includes sweet and sticky saskatoon berry barbecue ribs, corn on the cob and maple and bacon roasted brussels sprouts. From the Atlantic region is seafood stew, while a poutine bar represents central Canada.

MacPherson has invited chefs from the region and several provinces to take part in his East Coast party in St. John's. The public can mingle with the chefs at the hotel on Friday, while the main event Saturday is called The Great Canadian Food Market.

Home cooks too are invited to "cook their own stories" at backyard barbecues and picnics

LEARN MORE
Diners can check the Food Day Canada website for participating restaurants in their area along with their stories and menus.



Zane Caplansky of Caplansky's Delicatessen in Toronto is one of the many chefs participating in Food Day Canada on Aug. 1. More than 250 restaurants across the country are expected to celebrate the event with special menus. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

and share them via social media, Stewart said from Elora, Ont.

"The goal is to create a strong culinary nation."

That's what we have to do and having a national food party is the best way to do it," says Stewart.

art, author and food laureate at the University of Guelph.

Stewart says many Food Day Canada chefs "are doing pretty cool things in terms of sustainability, harvesting the wild and preserving the harvest."

Chef Derek Bendig of Siwash Lake Ranch, at 70 Mile House, B.C., forages and creates condiments using rosehips, crab apples, spruce tips and wild mint, juniper- and spruce-scented mustards, and pestos with wild onion

and dandelion.

Chris Stewart at Mission Hill Family Estate Winery's Terrace Restaurant in Kelowna, B.C., mitigates waste by drying carrot peels and pulverizing them into powder, which is then used to give a blast of flavour to the carrots he serves.

At Manoir Hovey's Le Hatley restaurant in Quebec's Eastern Townships, chef Francis Wolf uses birch syrup made from tapping the abundant trees on the property in the spring.

"These chefs want to differentiate themselves and make something special and they also want to celebrate where they're at," says Stewart.

You don't have to go to major cities to find great restaurants, she adds.

"There are little clusters of excellence across the country that cross all genres of cooking and a variety of price points," Stewart says.

Food Day Canada was initially called the World's Longest Barbecue and was launched by Stewart in 2003 to support farmers whose livelihoods were threatened in the wake of the mad cow crisis. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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NUTRITION

Sugar alternatives not healthier option

NUTRI-BITES

Theresa Albert
myfriendinfood.com

If I were sugar, I would be taking cover and either looking for a new job or finding a safe way to retire. Maybe partnering with newer, better versions of sweetness would be worth investigation because, everywhere I would look, the future will look grim. If you are looking for some other way to make the medicine go down, here is a tip sheet of the up and comers.

Xylitol

Containing only part of the sugar molecule and part of the alcohol with none of the fructose gives this sweetener some edge over plain old sugar.

It has the same sweet taste but only half of the calories and can boast that it is low on the glycemic scale so it doesn't spike insulin levels.

It measures just like sugar so it is great for baking and there is some science that shows that it actually changes the nature of the chemistry in the mouth, which can lead to a reduction in cavities.



Stevia

This refined herb has been around for a while, but is just starting to poke its nose into the food and beverages that we are so loathe to give up completely.

Having no calories at all, it does a good job of reducing the calories but, if some of the science is right, there may be a downside.

Just like aspartame and the like, the sensation of sweetness on the tongue without any calories forthcoming, your body may not be fooled and go looking for all of those calories anyway.

Neotame

Recently (2002) approved for use by the FDA, it hasn't found its use in foods just yet. Made by the aspartame people to be more effective as a sweetener at lower doses, there may be decent reason why this one isn't getting wide support.

Here is the catch. Every single sweetener has its downside and the goal always was, and still needs to be, reduction of all the foods that contain added sugars.

Think about it, caramel macchiato and chocolate chip cookies are still extras regardless of how they are sweetened.

MATEUS ROSÉ

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Peter Rockwell
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When I was a kid, the first wine receptacle that resonated with me held Portugal's Mateus Rosé (\$8.69-\$12.49). My grandmother was a fan and would recycle its flat, oval-shaped bottle into candleholders at our family cottage.

Though its shape hasn't changed since it was first introduced in 1942, producer Sogrape has tweaked its look over the years; most recently exchanging its dark green colour for a clear package to better show off its soft, pinky hue.

The flavour, for the most part, remains the same. Still crisp, with a relaxed wild berry fruit, its once noticeable crackle (a 1970s term for a light sparkle) has been downplayed. A favourite foodie wine, it makes a solid marriage with everything eclectic. That's why it's always on the drinks menu at every Chinese resto.

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Updated RDX smooth as butter



THE CHECKLIST | 2016 ACURA RDX

THE BASICS

Type. Compact-midsized, five-door, AWD, luxury crossover
Power. 279-hp 3.5-litre V6
Transmission. 6-speed automatic
Price. Base \$41,690 (plus destination)



NOTABLE FEATURES

- Engine shuts down three cylinders under light loads
- Impressive suite of standard AcuraWatch safety and driver-assist systems
- Full-time AWD system always sends torque to rear wheels, for sportier feel

POINTS

- More luxury and features added for major mid-cycle revision for model year 2016
- Adopts Acura's new two-screen infotainment system
- Very roomy, with quiet and refined road manners

MARKET POSITION

- Smaller sibling to Acura's MDX luxury crossover, with essentially same premium V6
- One level up of luxury and premium brand cache than offered by mainstream nameplates
- Currently Canada's bestselling compact/midsized luxury crossover

THE COMPETITION



REVIEW

What it lacks in panache it makes up for in class and competence



Mike Goetz
Metro | Canada

view camera.

The Technology Package now gives you heated rear seats, remote starter, eight-inch infotainment screen with navigation, and power folding mirrors. You have to move up trim lines to get other new stuff, such as 18-inch wheels and ventilated front seats.

Now with two screens you can keep track of navigation results and all your infotainment options without switching back and forth, but this does add complexity and create a busy interface. Not for some, fine for others.

The new LED headlights and taillights are the most notable new-for-2016 exterior design updates, and are effective in freshening and modernizing what is more or less a generic-looking crossover shape.

This generation RDX features "just average" driving excitement and handling, but there is a lot of satisfaction to be had from modulating the very refined and powerful V6. A lot of RDX rivals feature 2.0-litre four-cylinder turbos as their base powerplants. The V6 also seems to be in its sweet spot and is hard to fault in any category. It automatically shuts down three cylinders under light load to help it achieve reasonable fuel economy, although it does require premium gas.

The major "mid-cycle" update it received for model year 2016 follows the same plot lines, but with more safety and luxury features.

For example, all RDX models now include a new information screen in the gauge cluster, and Acura's impressive AcuraWatch safety technologies, which include adaptive cruise, lane keeping assist and lane departure warning, and multi-angle rear-

Lots of back seat and cargo room for this size of vehicle, and the seats flip and fold easily. While ostensibly a "premium" brand, Acura seems to keep things relatively restrained. The RDX, at least, doesn't scream luxury so much so as speak it in a low, calm voice.

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Comfort, confidence in Volvo S80

USED VEHICLE

Infotainment system needs a check in 2007-2014 models

Volvo's top-dog S80 was available in its most recent generation to us Canadians from model year 2007 to present day, with numerous updates and facelifts applied to keep things fresh.

Prime purchase considerations for Volvo's biggest sedan included comfort, confidence, peace of mind, and a top-of-the-line driving experience that flew under the radar.

Feature content in a used model may include automatic climate control, push-button start, a sunroof, an auto-dimming rearview mirror, rain-sensing wipers, active cruise control, a Dynaudio stereo, xenon headlights with washers, and more.

Look for S80 with engines including Volvo's 3.2-litre straight-six, a turbocharged straight-six, or a silky 4.4-litre Yamaha-built V8. Front or all-wheel drive was

available, and all units got an automatic transmission.

The test drive

Confirm that the memory seats, adaptive lamps, climate control, keyless start system, stereo, and anything else that runs on electricity is working properly. Plot a course with the navigation system, and pair your Bluetooth phone and call your grandmother.

Note that a bad Infotainment Control Module (ICM) can cause a slew of sporadic problems with the on-screen display, stereo, steering-wheel controls and other functions related to the infotainment system, or even prevent it from powering on.

Try the parking assist system, confirming proper operation and checking for any warning messages in the driver computer. A faulty wiring harness is the likely culprit if issues are noted.

On turbocharged models, have someone watch for smoke from the exhaust at startup, at full throttle while driving, and for a few moments after a sporty drive. Smoke could indicate a problem with the turbo-

KEEPING COOL

Confirm proper operation of the air conditioner, noting that premature system failure may be caused by a bad bearing on the AC compressor, or a refrigerant leak. And, speaking of keeping cool, rare but notable reports of cooling system leaks and overheating caused by failed fan modules have been made.

charger, though with sensible driving and regular oil changes, this component should last the life of the vehicle.

Scrutinize the feel of the S80's brake pedal while applying light, moderate and full braking, noting that a soft pedal, or a pedal that goes to the floor, as well as weak braking performance, can be caused by a leak in the brake booster or a connected vacuum line, and is a safety concern.

Note that the straight-six engines are easy to work on for do-it-yourself types, and offer a decent blend of power, mileage and refinement. JUSTIN PRITCHARD

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What owners like

Owners often rave about extreme comfort, a hearty feel of safety and security, a fantastic and tranquil highway drive, plenty of space, and good fuel mileage, even from the V8 engine. The premium stereo system and high-intensity xenon headlamps are also highly rated.

What owners dislike

Complaints are minimal, centring around a fussy and clumsy navigation system, and a lack of North American-friendly cupholder sizes.

The verdict

This one looks like a relatively solid bet on a well-loved luxury sedan that can be bought with confidence with a thumbs-up from a Volvo mechanic.

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Vehicles might not be exactly as shown.

The quest for a less queasy commute

STUDY

Self-driving vehicles may make drivers carsick

**Jil
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For Metro

Drivers seldom suffer from motion sickness, but passengers often do, which could potentially create issues for autonomous vehicles. Since the driver will only be "along for the ride" much of the time, there's a good chance he or she could become queasy as well.

"The ability to be productive in self-driving vehicles is touted as one of their advantages," says Michael Sivak, co-author of a study on motion sickness at the University of Michigan's Transportation Research Institute.

“However, to be productive, one needs to be engaged in activities known to increase the probability of motion sickness, such as working on your laptop, texting and reading.”

texting and reading.

Motion sickness is caused by a conflict between what you're seeing, and how your inner ear thinks you're moving as it works to keep your balance. Passengers tend to have a harder time because they're usually not able to anticipate the car's motion, and they're not in control of where they're going.

Visibility is an issue, Sivak says, and the study found that people are more likely to get carsick if the windows are small, or darkened enough that it's difficult to see through.

 KINETOSIS

Motion sickness, properly known as kinetosis, can cause nausea and dizziness, and in extreme cases can result in vertigo and vomiting. Adults are more susceptible to it than children, and it's seldom seen in those under the age of two.

them.

"What matters is the visibility from the car, and thus the size of the windows," he says. "Current windows would be okay. The concern is that manufacturers (of self-driving cars) are thinking about reducing the current size, or reducing their transmissivity."

How people sit in self-driving cars may also make a difference, since some experimental designs allow the front seats to spin around so their occupants can face people in the rear seats. The study found that motion sickness tends to get worse if the person is facing backwards or sideways in the vehicle.

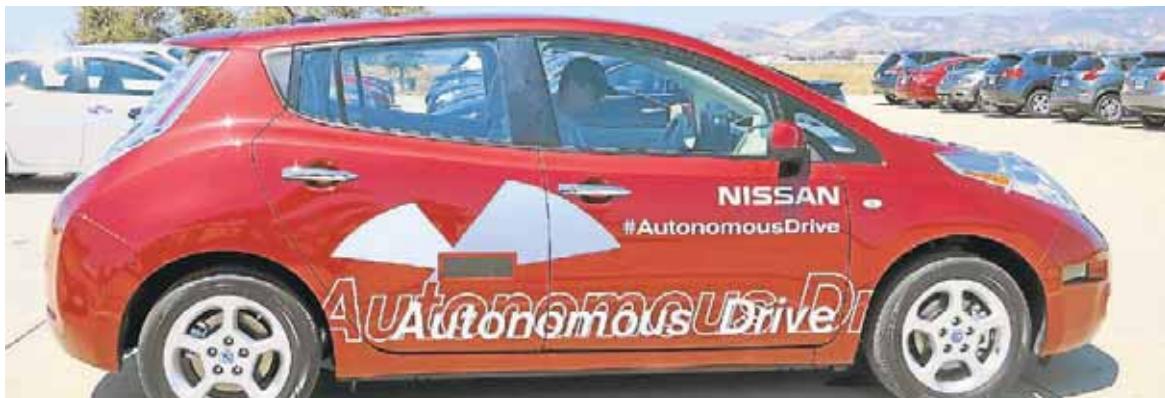
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The study also found that 23 per cent of Americans polled would not ride in a self-driving car.

But possibly the most important factor is what the driver will be doing when he or she isn't actually steering and driving. If something further upsets the balance of where the person is looking and how the body perceives motion, the problem can get much worse, such as in people who primarily get sick when they read in the car. The study found that drivers and passengers are least likely to experience nausea if they are lying down, or if their eyes are closed.

In addition to the vehicle having large, clear windows, some other suggestions for reducing motion sickness when the car is self-driving include having videos or tablets placed so that occupants look straight ahead to see them, rather than looking down; transparent information displays; video screens that move in conjunction with the viewer's head motions; and seats that recline fully flat, but cannot swivel.

sideways or backwards. The study also found that carsickness could be reduced if the vehicle has very smooth



Self-driving cars, like this experimental Nissan Leaf, could cause motion sickness in some drivers. JIL MCINTOSH/FOR METRO

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The rise and fall of the 'vocho'

CULTURE

In Mexico City, once beloved Beetle car nearly extinct

It was a symbol of the Mexico City landscape, zooming, honking and fuming in the mega-capital's infamously

dense traffic.

But the beloved Volkswagen Beetle is nearly extinct, a victim of anti-pollution campaigns.

A few "vochos," as the curvy car is known in Mexico, can still be spotted occasionally in the city's chaotic streets while so-called "Vochomania" clubs of collectors try to keep it alive.

But the once ubiquitous white and green — and later

BEETLE FEVER

In Uruguay, former president José Mujica declared only one asset in 2010: his 1987 Beetle.

red and gold — Beetle taxis that clogged boulevards are gone from the metropolis, home to 20 million people

and four million cars.

"We could have thought about keeping a few in the historic centre to preserve the symbol. But it wasn't meant to be," said Rodrigo Diaz, an urban planning consultant who writes a blog on transport issues.

The unceremonious demise of the vocho is surprising for a country that has had a long love affair with the Beetle.

Instantly popular

The "people's car" born in Germany in the politically charged 1930s arrived in Mexico in 1954, where it became an instant hit.

Mexicans, seeing it as an affordable, easy to fix and a fun ride, scooped up 50,000 Beetles in just one year. It was quickly adopted by taxi drivers and the Volkswagen was given the diminutive nickname, vocho.

"In case of a breakdown, you could replace the fan belt with panty hose," recalled Ricardo, a nostalgic taxi driver.

The car's success prompted Volkswagen to build a plant in the central state of Puebla in 1964. By 1973, a third of cars sold in Mexico were vochos.

During that era, the Beetle became the most produced single model car in history with 15 million vehicles made, overtaking Ford's Model T.

Sheen wears off

But after the era of the oil crisis, the Beetle began to lose its charm. It was suddenly seen as too polluting, too noisy and too uncomfortable.

Its backseat was too hard compared to newer vehicles. Taxi drivers often removed the passenger seat. When the driver hit the brakes too hard, the passenger risked flying through the windshield.

Worse, in the late 1990s, criminals turned the Beetle into a trap for "express" kidnappings and robberies, transforming the "Love Bug" into

a villainous vocho.

The Beetle taxis were repainted in white and green in an attempt to refurbish their tarnished image. The colours were later changed to red and gold. But the new body paint was not enough as passengers preferred newer, safer and more comfortable rides.

The last vocho was built in 2003 in Puebla, at the world's last Beetle assembly plant.

Taxi drivers were offered \$1,000 to get rid of them. In 2012, there were still 3,500 Beetle taxis, but they were gradually sent to junkyards.

The capital's taxis are now four-door vehicles with a rear trunk, like in most major world cities.

Where they are now

Beetle aficionados can still find a few taxi-vochos but they have to venture into tourist towns such as Taxco, where they are painted red, or Acapulco, where they are white and blue.

"Unlike London with its double-decker buses, San Francisco and Lisbon with their cable cars, or Valparaiso with its funicular, Mexico didn't declare this vehicle a part of its historic heritage," Diaz, the blogger, lamented. "It's a shame."

At least one white and green taxi can still be seen: in a museum in Berlin. It was sent by Mexico City in 2008 as a gift, in a sort of return-to-sender gesture after a 50-year love affair. AFP



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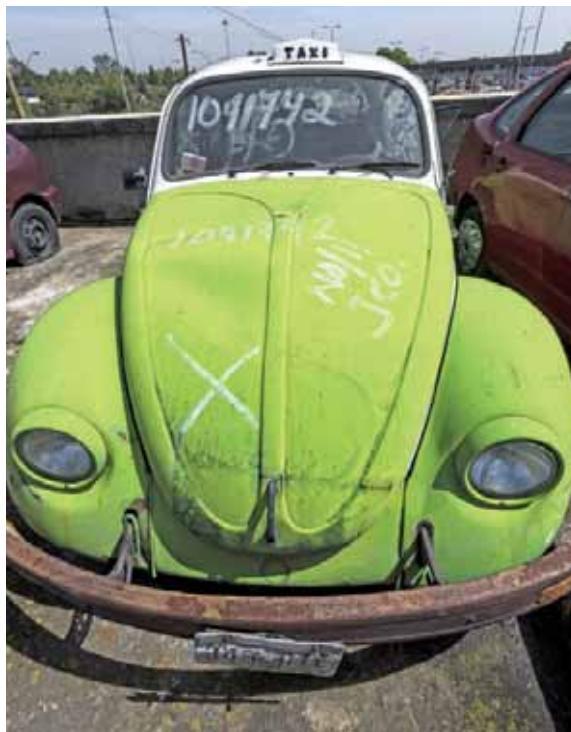
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An old Volkswagen Beetle used as a taxi cab sits in a large yard for impounded cars in Mexico City. OMAR TORRES/AFP

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Vladimir Putin says embattled FIFA president Sepp Blatter deserves a Nobel Prize

Wednesday, July 29, 2015



IN BRIEF

Nats land closer Papelbon

The Washington Nationals have a new closer, landing Jonathan Papelbon from the Philadelphia Phillies.

The Nationals announced the deal Tuesday in Miami, where they opened a series against the Marlins. Papelbon is Philadelphia's career saves leader with 123 and is 17 for 17 in save chances this season.

The 34-year-old right-hander had said he wouldn't accept a trade unless he would remain a closer, and agreed to waive his no-trade clause after getting the assurances he needed from Washington.

The Phillies receive Canadian Double-A right-hander Nick Pivetta for Papelbon.

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Royals pull trigger on trade for Zobrist

The Kansas City Royals made another big addition for the season's stretch run, acquiring utilityman Ben Zobrist and cash from the Oakland Athletics on Tuesday for right-hander Aaron Brooks and minor-league left-hander Sean Manaea.

The 34-year-old Zobrist, an infielder and outfielder, batted .268 with six home runs, 20 doubles, two triples and 33 RBIs in 67 games for the A's, who are in last place in the AL West after three straight playoff seasons.

The Royals dealt for former Cincinnati ace Johnny Cueto on Sunday.

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Blue Jays trade for 'best shortstop in baseball'

MLB

Tulowitzki coming to T.O., Reyes dealt to Colorado

Toronto Blue Jays general manager Alex Anthopoulos couldn't miss the chance to get one of the top shortstops in baseball, even at the cost of more prospects.

Anthopoulos acquired shortstop Troy Tulowitzki and reliever LaTroy Hawkins in a trade with the Colorado Rockies on Tuesday in exchange for shortstop Jose Reyes, reliever Miguel Castro and minor-league pitchers Jeff Hoffman and Jesus Tinoco.

Castro and Hoffman are considered two of the Blue Jays' top young players but Anthopoulos could not pass up the chance to get Tulowitzki.

"We're getting the best shortstop in baseball in our minds, and those opportunities just don't present themselves," said Anthopoulos.

Talks between the Blue Jays and Rockies began last off-season, with Toronto pursuing Tu-



Troy
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Jays Shop employee Nico Canavo makes a Troy Tulowitzki jersey in Toronto on Tuesday.

MARK BLINCH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

lowitzki. According to Anthopoulos, Colorado's counter offers always included Hoffman and the deal got done when the Blue Jays agreed to his inclusion late Monday night.

"You always like to keep your prospects if you can but, again, if you have opportunities to get guys that you think are great fits we're obviously willing to do

that," said Anthopoulos. "Ideally you hang on to them but you also realize you're not going to get guys for free."

"We don't have a cut-and-dried policy, we'd like to keep as many as we can but that's the cost of acquiring players."

The talented but oft-injured Tulowitzki is a five-time all-star who is hitting .300 with

12 homers and 53 RBIs in 87 games this season. He has spent his entire 10-year MLB career with Colorado.

The 30-year-old Tulowitzki gives Toronto (50-51) another powerful, right-handed bat in a dangerous lineup that already includes Jose Bautista, Josh Donaldson and Edwin Encarnacion.

Toronto's commitment to Tu-

SO LONG, PAL

Reyes' former Jays teammates tweeted their reactions to the trade:

"One of the toughest things in sports, saying goodbye to a teammate who has become of your family!! @ lamelaza-7. #Love."

— Jose Bautista, @Joey-Bats19

"Going to miss my boy @ lamelaza-7. Once a brother always a brother."

— Josh Donaldson, @BringerOf-Rain20

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NFL commissioner upholds ban on Brady

DEFLATEGATE

Goodell says QB destroyed cell knowing it was part of probe

Tom Brady's four-game suspension for his role in using under-inflated footballs during the AFC championship game has been upheld by NFL commissioner

Roger Goodell. The league announced the decision Tuesday, with Goodell saying that the New England quarterback told an assistant to destroy Brady's cellphone on or just before March 6. Brady met with independent investigator Ted Wells on that day.

"He did so even though he was aware that the investigators had requested access to text messages and other electronic information that had been stored on that phone," Goodell said. "During

the four months that the cellphone was in use, Brady had exchanged nearly 10,000 text messages, none of which can now be retrieved from that device."

Calling the appeal process "a sham," Tom Brady's agent, Don Yee, said Goodell "failed to ensure a fair process" in upholding the quarterback's four-game suspension.

Brady acknowledged in his testimony he was aware of investigators' request for informa-

tion from the cellphone before he had it destroyed, the appeal decision said.

Brady, who turns 38 on Aug. 3, took nearly every snap last season.

But he'll miss the first four games this season unless the case goes to court. Jimmy Garoppolo, a second-round pick in 2014, would replace Brady, the two-time NFL MVP and three-time Super Bowl MVP.

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New England Patriots star QB Tom Brady. GETTY IMAGES

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NHL

Brandon Sutter dealt to Vancouver

The Vancouver Canucks acquired forward Brandon Sutter and a third-round draft pick from the Pittsburgh Penguins on Tuesday.

In exchange, the Canucks sent forward Nick Bonino, defenceman Adam Clendening and a second-round pick in 2016 to Pittsburgh. The third-round selection acquired by Vancouver will be the earlier pick of two held by Pittsburgh.

"Brandon Sutter is a good two-

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Sutter recorded 33 points (21 goals and 12 assists) last season

way player. He's a matchup guy," Canucks general manager Jim Benning said on a conference call. THE CANADIAN PRESS



CHAMPIONS CUP CHELSEA TOPS BARCA ON PENALTIES

Barcelona striker Luis Suarez goes to ground on a tackle from Chelsea's Robert Kenedy Nunes do Nascimento during the International Champions Cup friendly on Tuesday in Washington, D.C. Chelsea won 3-2 on penalties. GETTY IMAGES

IN BRIEF

Michael Sam to make CFL debut some time in August

Michael Sam's CFL debut is getting closer, but Montreal coach Tom Higgins won't say exactly when it will be.

Some time in August, the defensive end who gained fame as the first active pro football player who is openly gay will get into a game.

Higgins is anxious to see exactly what he has in the All American from the University of Missouri who was selected in the seventh round of the 2014 NFL draft by St. Louis. He didn't crack the Rams lineup and was released.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Mexican national futbol coach given the boot

Mexican national team coach Miguel Herrera was fired Tuesday following a television reporter's claim that the man known as "El Piojo" punched him.

The ouster came just two days after Herrera led Mexico to victory in the CONCACAF Gold Cup. But Decio de Maria, who on Saturday becomes president of the Mexican Soccer Federation, said the incident with the journalist was not in keeping with "the spirit of fair and respectful competition."

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RECIPE Corn and Israeli Couscous with Halloumi Cheese



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Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 17 minutes

Serves 4

Ingredients

- 3 ears corn cobs (husks removed)
- 1 cup grape or cherry tomatoes, sliced in half
- 2 green onions diced
- 1/4 cup chopped basil
- 1/4 cup chopped mint
- 1 cup dry Israeli couscous
- 4 oz Halloumi cheese or provolone sliced lengthwise into 3/4-inch pieces
- Dressing
 - 3 Tbsp lemon juice
 - 2 Tbsp olive oil
 - 1 tsp minced garlic
 - 1 tsp minced jalapeno

(with or without seeds)
• Salt and pepper

Directions

1. Grill corn for about five minutes. Cool, then cut off kernels. Place in bowl along with tomatoes, onions, basil and mint.
2. Meanwhile in pot of boiling water, cook couscous for 10 minutes or just until tender. Drain and add to serving bowl.
3. Sauté cheese in skillet sprayed with vegetable oil for about two minutes per side.
4. Combine ingredients for dressing and add to couscous and garnish with warm cheese.

Nutrition per serving

- Calories 415
- Protein 18 g
- Carbohydrates 55 g
- Total fat 14.5 g
- Saturated fat 2 g
- Sodium 345 mg
- PHOTO: ROSE REISMAN

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18. Cartoon fight sound effects!
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27. Squeezed-in-to-tea fruit
28. Cream of the crop
29. Shore sights
30. Polit. designation
31. Non-written finals
33. Peter of '60s pop duo Peter and Gordon
34. Captain Nemo creator Jules
35. Beginning
37. What 'Inuit' means in Inuktitut: 2 wds.
40. Cocker and Springer
43. Cow's call
46. Reunion attendee
47. Member of Jesus' entourage
52. Skipping —
54. More maladroit
55. Hyperion, for example, in Greek mythology
56. Reels
57. Completely deplete: 2 wds.
58. "Get Ur Freak On" by Avril Lavigne
62. Mr. Pacino's
63. Society notice word
64. Twilight
66. Not 'neath
67. Caviar

★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
You must be prepared to defend your beliefs and fight for them if necessary. Someone is going to challenge the way you look at the world and you must meet it.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Friday's full moon takes place in the career area of your chart and there are likely to be challenges over the next few days. Someone in a position of power is watching you closely — make sure they like what they see.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
The same old answers no longer satisfy you — something deeper is going on and you are determined to find out what. You may realize that ignorance is sometimes a blessing.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
You could come into a large sum of money but you could also end up owing a lot to someone else. If possible, stick with what you've got — the status quo is not so bad.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
There will be times over the next few days when it seems as if the world is against you, but it isn't. The approaching full moon will encourage others to undermine your confidence but they won't succeed.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Little things will upset you more than they should today, but now that you know that you can guard against it. Don't worry about things you cannot control.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
The approaching full moon will revive your interest in something you appeared to give up on six months or so ago. Either give it everything or leave it alone.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
The most important thing today is that you stay calm and think things through in a logical manner. It may not be the best time to speak from the heart.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You will be very persuasive today and others will find it hard to deny you what you want. But if you don't know what you want your powers of persuasion could be wasted on trivial things.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Don't let others know that you are desperate about something because it puts you at a disadvantage. You are more likely to get what you want if you play it cool.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Friday's full moon could herald a new beginning, but only if you let go of the past. Remember too that only one individual is responsible for what happens in your life and that is you.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
What you are going through is necessary but that going has been tough. The full moon will bring matters to a head and it won't be long before you are on the up again.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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